

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP

Kandiyohi SWCD FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water resource protection
 Soil erosion
 Enduring practice benefits
 Wildlife habitat
 Grazing
 Conservation tillage
 Nutrient management
 Invasive species

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

County Ditch 23A, Extension C in the Kandi-Wakanda Watershed

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications addressing water resource protection

 Applications addressing soil erosion

 Applications addressing wildlife habitat

 Applications in County Ditch 23A, Extension C in the Kandi-Wakanda Watershed

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. Will this application address water resource protection in the county, not including conservation tillage?	Yes	No
2. Will this application address soil erosion, not including conservation tillage?	Yes	No
3. Will this application install enduring conservation practices?	Yes	No
4. Will this application improve wildlife habitat?	Yes	No
5. Will this application reduce soil erosion by implementing a prescribed grazing system?	Yes	No
6. Is the land in the targeted priority watershed?	Yes	No
7. Will this application reduce soil erosion by implementing conservation tillage practices?	Yes	No
8. Will this application address water resource protection thru nutrient management?	Yes	No
9. Will this application install practices to address a national priority concern within the county?	Yes	No
10. Will this application control invasive species?	Yes	No

4. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal between 40 and 60 points.

<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Water resource protection in the county, other than tillage	13
2. Soil erosion, other than tillage	9
3. Enduring practice benefits	8
4. Improvement to wildlife habitat	8
5. Grazing	5
6. Targeted watershed (bonus points)	5
7. Soil erosion, tillage	4
8. Invasive species	4
9. Water resource protection thru nutrient management	3
10. Other resource concerns	<u>1</u>
TOTAL POINTS	60

5. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
6. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document
- None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Date